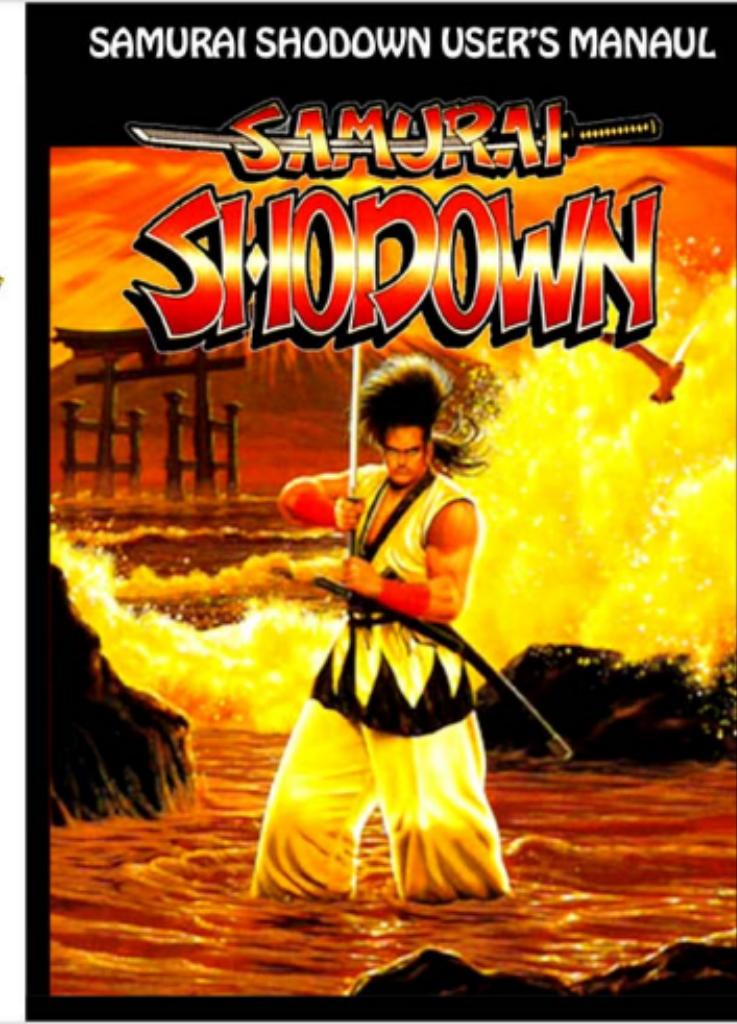


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A Word from Our Lowly Programmers,

Our most humble thanks to our gentle customers who have purchased SAMURAI SHODOWN for the NEO GEO HOME SYSTEM. Before gracing us with the pleasure of having you play this game, we beseech you to pass your most magnificent eyes over this most wretched of manuscripts in the hope that you will gain some pearl of knowledge, some shard of insight, a glint of enlightenment to aid you in your quest to master the intricacies and challenges of our 100 MEGA SHOCK sword battle.

[ATTENTION]

- This product can only be used on the NEO GEO MVS System.
- Do not disassemble!! Contains high precision parts!
- Avoid dropping or other strong shocks. Keep away from extreme temperatures.
- Do not touch terminal. Avoid exposure to water and dust.
- Damage may be caused if cleaned with thinner or benzine.
- After game play, pull AC adaptor from outlet.

[MEMORY CARD PRECAUTIONS]

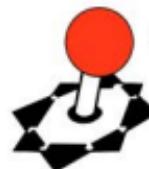
- Insert the memory card as the arrow shows.
- During load/save for memory card, do not insert or pull out the memory card or game cartridge. Do not shut off the main switch!
- Keep water and dust away from the connector of the NEO-Geo memory card.



Mastering the Fundamentals--USING THE CONTROLLER

CONTROL LEVER:

Character movement right to left, jump, crouch, etc.



C BUTTON: Kick--Light Attack

D BUTTON: Kick--Strong Attack



C+D BUTTON:
Kick--"To the Moon" Kick

B BUTTON: Sword, Punch--Strong Attack

A BUTTON: Sword, Punch--Light Attack

A+B BUTTON: Sword, Punch--Whoa, Baby! Blow "

GAME SCREEN



- 1) SCORE
- 2) LIFE METER
- 3) CHARACTER NAME
- 4) REMAINING TIME
- 5) BEACON OF VICTORY
- 6) RAGE GAUGE (Refer to RAGE GAUGE listing for more details.)



LET THE BARBARISM BEGIN!



① TITLE SCREEN DEMONSTRATION

Insert the cassette into the console and turn on the power switch. The title and demonstration screens will appear automatically. Press the start button to call up the OPTION SCREEN.



② GAME LEVEL SETTING

DIFFICULTY LEVEL (Sets the strength of the computer player) Select from four levels of difficulty: NORMAL is recommended for beginners. Move the joystick up or down to select the desired level then press the A Button.

• EASY MODE.

The simplest level. Great for mastering the fundamentals.

• NORMAL LEVEL.

A level of average difficulty. Good for practicing real battle.

• HARD LEVEL.

The most difficult level. You've spent too much time in the minors. It's time for the big leagues.

• ARCADE LEVEL.

An intermediate level between HARD and NORMAL equal to the arcade setting. Practice at home and get through the arcade game with one coin!

NOTES ON USING THE MEMORY CARD

THE MEMORY CARD BACK UP FUNCTIONS

To save and load game data using the MEMORY CARD (SOLD SEPARATELY), place the card carefully into the MEMORY CARD SLOT of your console and follow the procedures listed below.



■ LOADING DATA

If the MEMORY CARD has been correctly placed in the MEMORY CARD SLOT, before play begins, the LOAD SCREEN will be displayed. Choose YES with the joystick, and load data by pushing the A Button on your controller. Action will then resume from the point at which you left off.

■ SAVING DATA

After placing the MEMORY CARD in the appropriate slot, when the GAME OVER message has been displayed, the SAVE SCREEN will appear on your television. Selecting YES with the joystick and pressing the A Button will save game play at the stage at which you left off. (NOTE: With certain software, game data will be stored automatically.)

• Please note that saving new data on the card will erase previously stored data.

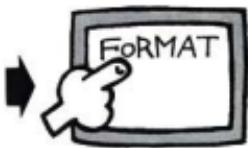
■ FORMATTING A NEW MEMORY CARD

New MEMORY CARDS need to be formatted. To do this, follow the procedures in the order listed below.

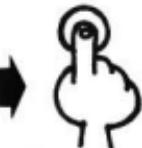
① Set the game cassette and MEMORY CARD, in your NEO-GEO HOME SYSTEM correctly.



② While pressing all four buttons down on the controller, press the RESET button on the NEO-GEO HOME SYSTEM console.



③ The DATA SCREEN should then appear on your television. Choose the CARD FORMAT command with the joystick.



④ Press the A Button to finish formatting.



* When the player faces right.

JUMP
 BACK-WARD, GUARD
 DASH : SHIFT JOYSTICK
 TWICE QUICKLY TO DASH
 FORWARD GUARD

SLASH
 (HIT)

WEAK ATTACK
 A
 STRONG ATTACK
 B
 POWERFUL ATTACK
 (at the same time)

DUCK, CROUCH

KICK

WEAK ATTACK
 C
 STRONG ATTACK
 D
 POWERFUL ATTACK
 (at the same time)

RAGE

The RAGE GAUGE increases when hit.
 When it becomes full...

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SAMURAI SP

④ MEMORY CARD LOAD

Having inserted the memory card (sold separately) in the front slot, the LOAD SCREEN should appear. Selecting YES will allow you to continue the game at the stage where you left off.

(For further details, see the USING THE MEMORY CARD section of this pamphlet.)



④ SELECTING CHARACTERS

Choose one of the twelve characters with the red cursor and make your selection by pressing the A Button. With 2-Player matches, follow the same procedure to select your character. It is possible to choose the same character, so chill!



④ GAME START

After selecting your desired character and stage, let the carnage begin! (To bypass the Demonstration Screen, press the A Button.)

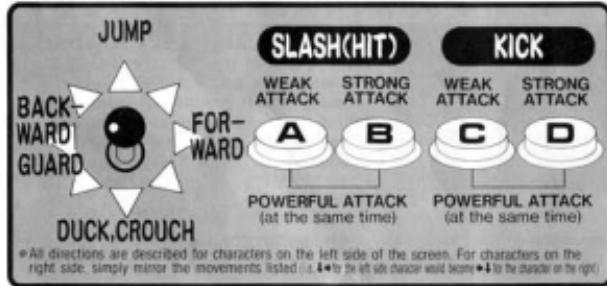




BASIC MOVES

It's time to get full use out of your controller on this game. As quickly as possible, master the combinations of joystick and the 4 buttons to slash, punch, and kick your way to the final battle with the master of the elements Yoshiro Tokisada Amakusa.

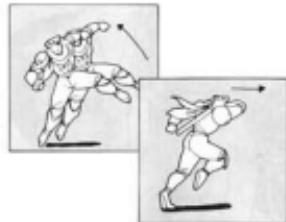
[Basic Moves and Attacks]



* All directions are described for characters on the left side of the screen. For characters on the right side, simply mirror the movements listed (i.e. ← for the left side character would become → for the character on the right).

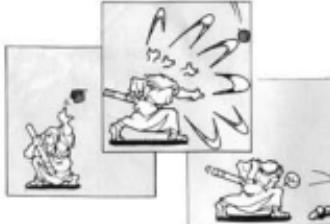
[DASHES]

Tap the joystick forward twice for the "BAKUFU BLITZ"; backward twice for the "FLYING RETREAT."



[THE METHODS OF MAYHEM!]

Each character has his or her own arsenal of special moves and attacks. Many of these attacks require a weapon, so keep a grip on your sword at all times! (For a complete list of the METHODS OF MAYHEM, consult the CHARACTER DESCRIPTION section.)



THE TALONED FIEND GENAN SHIRANUI

Elite warrior of the infamous Doon Bwee Bwee tribe. He is known for shredding his victims with his clawed hands. Although battling to prove himself as the king of the Magic Minions, he has a weak spot for children, especially marinated in... Well, let's just leave it at that.

WEAPON: AZAMI (also the name of his wife)

ALMA MATER: DOON BWE BWE

ACADEMY OF MINDCURE

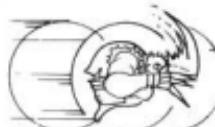
AGE: 26

BIRTHPLACE: ONIGASHIMA

[THE METHODS OF MAYHEM!]



POISON CLOUD PUFF
← → + SLASH



SLAUGHTER
HOUSE TUMBLE
← → + SLASH





THE TEXAN NINJA ANACHRONISM EARTHQUAKE

More than 10 feet tall, this conspicuous Ninja dropped out of training to pillage the treasures of the world. Having grown fat and very greedy, this mighty Texan lets no one or no thing get in his way. Pay the poor fool that does!

WEAPONS: THE YELLOW SCYTHE
OF TEAS

ALMA MATER: NID'S NINJA ACADEMY
CORRESPONDENCE
COURSE: DROPOUT

AGE: 29
BIRTHPLACE: TEXAS, AMERICA

[THE METHODS OF MAYHEM]

FAT HOUND

While jumping, +KICK repeatedly



FAT CHAINSAW

SLASH repeatedly



TRIANGLE JUMP

During JUMPS at either side of the screen, press the joystick in the opposite direction of the JUMP



THE WAY OF THE SWORD

[LOCKING SWORDS]

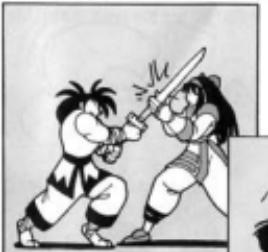


[LOSING YOUR WEAPON]



When your character locks swords with his opponent, punch that A Button repeatedly as if your life depends on it, because it does!

[THE "NO PAIN, NO PAIN" SPRINT]



Stop your opponents sword attack by rushing into your opponent's chest. A great way to feel your adversaries and a great topic for stories at boring cocktail-parties.

• Note: Your sword has certain limits of durability. If you exceed these limits, your sword will shatter like a beer bottle on a drunks cowboy's head in a third-rate western. However, at the end of each round your sword will be restored, unlike the bottle in the cowboy movies.

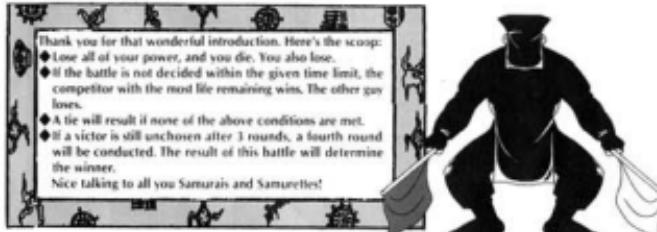




DUELING

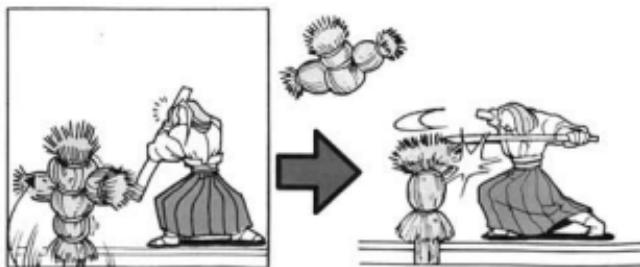
Each match consists of two duels. The first player to win two duels proceeds on to the next opponent. In the case where there is no winner, the judge will decide the victor.

Determining the Winner--A few words from Slick Sukihiro, Judge of Duels in **SAMURAI SHODOWN**.



BONUS STAGES

As you proceed through the game, Bonus Stages will appear. From various places (indicated by the arrow cursor), straw dummies will periodically appear (unlike life, where real dummies always appear). Position your character carefully and plan your slices to the closest fraction of a second to cut these dummies and rack up those points (The dummies in the game that is, not the ones in real life).





THE NOBLE REVOLUTIONETTE CHARLOTTE

An accomplished swordperson, beloved by the common people of France, Charlotte has risen to save the masses from the disasters and despair that victimize her country. Famous quote: "Let them eat steak."

WEAPON: LAROCHE

ALMA MATER: TAUGHT BY THE
FRENCH FENCING
TUTOR, O. LE PAIN

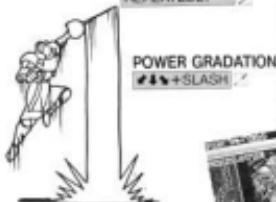
AGE: 27

BIRTHPLACE: VERSAILLES, FRANCE

THE METHODS [OF MAYHEM]



SPLASH FOUNT
SLASH BUTTON
REPEATEDLY



POWER GRADATION
△+SLASH



ROUND BONUSES

Bonus points are determined by the amount of time, life, and attack power of your character remaining after each battle.

- **POWER**.....The more power remaining, the more points you will receive.
- **TIME**.....Bonus points are determined by the remaining time multiplied by 100.
- **ATTACK POWER**.....Get out your calculators! This bonus is determined as indicated below.

Number of Times Attacked ÷ Number of Attacks

After your character wins a duel, sometimes money flies out of your opponents pockets, this too is included in the bonus.

2-PLAYER COMPETITION

To start 2-Player Competitive Play, simply press the start button on the unused controller. A second player may also enter the challenge during regular computer play in the same manner.

RESURRECTION--CONTINUE PLAY

After being defeated, the continue count will begin. Push the start button before the count reaches zero to continue play. You can continue play up to three times. With two player competitions, if the countdown reaches zero for the losing player, the action will revert to computer play for the victor.





ITEMS

During your matches, the Edo Express Delivery Man will appear. Probably the worst courier in the business, he is notorious for dropping--at times lobbing--his parcels into the way of the duel contestants. Some of these items, such as coins or food, will add points to your score or add power to your life meter. At other times, the courier will drop explosives, and these you will want to avoid.



BUSHI THEATRE 1

Distinguishing between life and boom.



DEMON KING OF THE CONTINENTS

WAN FU

Belting his monstrous looks, this military genius who seeks to unify the warring regions of China has come to Japan searching for recruits in his army. A brutal, calculating warrior and loving husband, Wan remains an enigma to all he meets.

WEAPON: THE SCIMITAR OF SEIZE
ALMA MATER: THE SHRINE SCHOOL
OF SPEECH SIZING

AGE: 15
BIRTHPLACE: CHINA



THE METHODS OF MAYHEM



CONFUCIOUS THUNDER BOMB
→ → → SLASH



CONFUCIOUS WHIRLING
→ → → SLASH



王虎



THE KABUKI MASTER KYOSHIRO SENRYO

The tempestual actor with a deep desire to be worshipped and a need to stand out who has left the climes of Edo to surpass his father, the Kabuki legend NAO TSU OBA. His main goal is to teach the citizens of the world the joy of Kabuki.

WEAPON: SHISHI HA

(THE LION'S BLADE)

ALMA MATER: KABUKI KOLEGIE OF DRAMATICS AND STAGE CHEWING (EDO CAMPUS)

AGE: 18

BIRTHPLACE: EDO (OLD TOKYO)

THE METHODS OF MAYHEM

JUMPING LION!

•••+KICK

KABUKI CRUNCH DANCE

•••+SLASH Z

TWIRLING FLAME

•••+SLASH

WHEEL OF BLOOD SMOKE

•••+AB

WHIRLWIND FAN

•••+SLASH



THE RAGE GAUGE

As you receive various blows, your RAGE GAUGE, located in the lower half of the screen, will increase. When it begins to flash, your character will anger, reaching full power. At this time, your attacks and METHODS OF MAYHEM will be at their deadliest. On the other hand, during this time, if your character is attacked, the damage he receives will be proportionally larger too. So, if you happen to get angry, remember to stay cool. • The rate at which the RAGE GAUGE rises varies with each character. • The RAGE GAUGE will continue for a limited time in the subsequent round. Bonus, eh!



BUSHI THEATRE 2

"Still angry?" "No. I'd properly channeled it..."



Assume the guard position when your opponent's rage gauge is full. "Tactics my boy, tactics!"

SAMURAI SP.

THE INVINCIBLE SAMURAI SAKÉ EXPERT HA-OH MARU

With a taste for blond and cheap rice wine, this samurai celebrity is known for his unparalleled swordsmanship and his whirlwind speed. Heh, heh, heh.

WEAPON: THE FUGU BEADE
ALMA MATER: SELF-TAUGHT

AGE: 25

BIRTHPLACE: MUSASHINOKURONE,
JAPAN

THE METHODS OF MAYHEM!



CYCLONE SLASH
↓→+SLASH



CRESCENT MOON SLASH
↓→+SLASH



SAMURAI SP.

THE NINJA KNIGHT WITHOUT A CAUSE GALFORD

With his unfailing Ninja Dog, Puppy, Galford seeks to become the first American Ninja. Fighting for truth, Justice, More, and Apple Pie, Galford strives to quash evil without being too hard on the bad guys. A cheerful, active nice guy.

WEAPON: THE BLADE OF JUJUCE
ALMA MATER: BOGA-NINJA SCHOOL –
DEPARTMENT OF VILE
PONDS STUDS

AGE: 28

BIRTHPLACE: SAN FRANCISCO IN THE
GOOD OLD U.S. A.

THE METHODS OF MAYHEM!

HEAD STRIKE
Move near opponent.
then →↓←+KICK



PLASMA BLADE
↓→+SLASH



RUSH DOG
↓→+SLASH

TRIANGLE JUMP [During JUMPS at either side of the screen,
press the button in the opposite direction of the JUMP.]

NINJA TELEPORTATION [↓→+A+D]

HEAD REPLICA ATTACK [when attacked, GUARD +

B, C, D BUTTONS]

REAR REPLICA ATTACK [→↓←+B+C, B, C, D BUTTONS]

MACHINE GUN DOG [↓→+C]

DIVING DOG [↓→+D]





THE EMPEROR'S SECRET SERVANT JUBEI YAGYU

Strict observer of Bushi, the way of the Samurai, he has tempered his mind and body to become a lethal extension of the Japanese Empire. One tough cookie.

WEAPON: THE YAMATO BLADE AND

THE IRON TIGER DAGGER

ALMA MATER: YAGYU INSTITUTE OF

THE SABRE AND

BRUSH

AGE: 39

BIRTHPLACE: TOSA, JAPAN

[THE METHODS OF MAYHEM!]

TSUNAMI SABRE

↙+SLASH



GEYSER THRUST

↙+SLASH



SABRE THRASH

PUSH SLASH REPEATEDLY



柳生十兵衛



THE ANGEL-FACED EAGLE HANDLER NAKORURU

The kindly maid from Hokkaido who communicates with nature. She seeks to protect the Earth Mother's majesty from the follies of humankind. With her beloved companion, the eagle MAMAHAMA, she foils the despoiler with her sword given to her by her late father, HAMAHAMA.

WEAPON: HAMAHAMA KATANA

(HER FATHER'S KEEPSAKE)

ALMA MATER: THE RUNNING DEER

ACADEMY OF DANCE AND EDO

AGE: 17

BIRTHPLACE: ANNU, MUSHIBI KANEI

KOTAN, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

[THE METHODS OF MAYHEM!]

ANNU MUTSUBE

↙+SLASH



LELA MUTSUBE

↙+SLASH



AMUBE YATORO

↙+SLASH



MAMAHAMA FLIGHT [↙+C]

YATORO POKU [White flying, ↙+Sword+SLASH or KICK]

KAMU MUTSUBE [White flying, SLASH or KICK]

MAMAHAMA CALL [When disarmed, ↙+C or ↙+SLASH]



ナコルル

SAMURAI SP.

THE NINJA MASTER OF THE SHADOWS HANZO HATTORI

Strongest of the dreaded IGA Ninjas, Hattori is feared for his cool professionalism and great ferocity. His battle is a personal one, for he seeks to free the soul of his son, possessed by the sinister SHIRO TOKISADA ANAKUSA and an abnormal addiction to carbonated drinks.

WEAPON: THE NINJA BLADE

ALMA MATER: IGA INSTITUTE OF NINJA ARTS AND PSYCHOLOGY

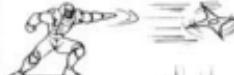
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BIRTHPLACE: DEWASANICHI, JAPAN

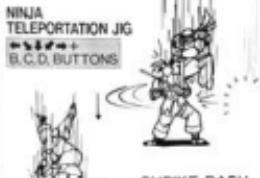


THE METHODS [OF MAYHEM]

FLYING SPIKEBALL → + KICK



NINJA TELEPORTATION JIG → + ← + B.C.D. BUTTONS



SHRIKE DASH

Move near opponent, then → + ← + KICK
TRIANGLE JUMP (Jump, JUMP) at either side of the screen, press the stick in the opposite direction of the JUMP
NINJA SHADOW REPLICATES (→ + ← + B.C.D. + A + D) NINJA EXPLODING DRAGON (→ + B.C.D. + A + D)



服部半蔵

SAMURAI SP.

THE MERCILESS SAMURAI HEART-THROB UKYO TACHIBANA

The snooty master of swordsmanship with a rebel mentality, who loves being alone but hates solitude. He has set out on his journey to find the perfect bouquet for his beloved Kei Odagiri.

WEAPON: THE BLADE OF NARCISSUS

ALMA MATER: JINMUSO SURGEONS COLLEGE

AGE: 24

BIRTHPLACE: UMASUGIMURA, KOGA, OMI, JAPAN



THE METHODS [OF MAYHEM]

SNOWFALL SLASH → + SLASH



SWALLOW SWIPE While JUMPING → + ← + SLASH



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